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**Title:** A System and Method for Storage and  
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Authorization by a Data Controller

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## RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

SIR:

The Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks in response to the Office Action mailed on June 18, 2003, the three-month shortened statutory period for response expiring on September 18, 2003.

### Priority Claim:

The Applicants claim priority to U.S. Non-Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 09/167,873, as noted in the Related Application Data section of the Specification on Page 1, lines 6–8: "This application is a continuation-in-part application related to the U.S. Patent Application entitled "A System and Method for Merchant Invoked Electronic Commerce," Serial No. 09/167,873, filed October 7, 1998, from which priority is claimed." Accordingly, the Applicants request acknowledgement of the claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120.